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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE  
PRESIDENT FROM PRIME MINISTER SENI OF THAILAND

REF: BANGKOK 18972

1. FYI: IN ADDITION TO THE MESSAGE FORWARDED REFTEL,  
THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER SENI WAS  
TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE THAI EMBASSY:

QUOTE

HIS EXCELLENCY

GERALD R. FORD

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
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INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I HAVE

THE HONOUR, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THAILAND, TO EXTEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS AND SINCERE BEST WISHES.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT, UNDER YOUR ABLE LEADERSHIP, THE UNITED STATES CAN LOOK FORWARD TO A YET GREATER PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY AND THAT THE WARM RELATIONS TRADITIONALLY EXISTING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THAILAND WILL BE FURTHER CONSOLIDATED. UNQUOTE. END FYI.

2. THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE PRIME MINISTER (THE PRESIDENT IS RESPONDING TO THE REFTEL'S MESSAGE, NOT THE FOREGOING):

QUOTE

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I JOIN IN EXPRESSING OUR HEARTFELT APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WARM AND THOUGHTFUL MESSAGES ON THE OCCASION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

IT IS A SPECIAL PLEASURE TO HEAR FROM AN OLD FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES SUCH AS YOURSELF. OUR OFFICIAL RELATIONS HAVE ENDURED THE VICISSITUDES OF A CHANGING WORLD FOR NEARLY 150 YEARS. THEY HAVE BEEN CEMENTED BY GROWING PRIVATE AND PERSONAL TIES. THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR PROVIDES US A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER OUR FRIENDSHIP AND RELATIONS IN MANY AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. AS ALWAYS I WELCOME YOUR EXPRESSION OF A DESIRE TO WORK TOWARD THESE GOALS. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

3. WE DO NOT INTEND TO RELEASE, BUT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION IF THE RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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